

Happy Birthday E.B. White

July 11, 1899

Description of Program: We're celebrating the anniversary of E.B. White's 110th birthday. Our party will include stories, games, activities and crafts based on *Charlotte's Web*.

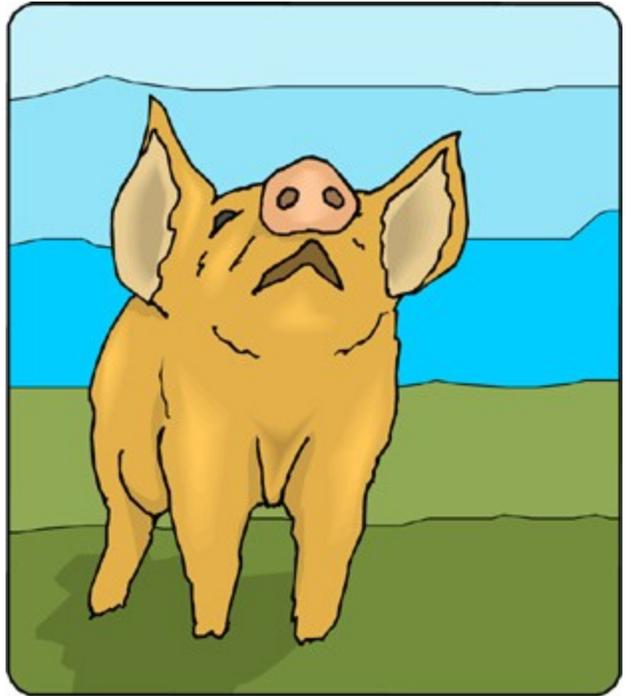
Stories:

Some Pig by E.B. White This picture book story of *Charlotte's Web* relates the special relationship between a young girl named Fern and Wilbur, the spring pig she raises and loves.

Charlotte's Web by E.B. White: Choose a chapter or favorite passage to read.

Charlotte's Web Play Have volunteers or staff read the play available from the Scholastic site:

<http://www.scholastic.com/charlottesweb/play.htm>



Song & Group Game

Pass Wilbur Game (*Charlotte's Web Soundtrack*) Play songs from The *Charlotte's Web* CD. Have the children sit in a circle and pass around a pig toy. When you stop the music, the child holding the pig must sit in the center of the circle (the pig pen). The last child receives a copy of the book *Charlotte's Web* and the "pigs" receive a sticker or other small prize.

Egg Race Have children line up in two lines. The first child in the line is given a spoon with a plastic egg. They walk quickly to the end of the race line, turn, and go back to the line and pass the spoon and egg to the next person. The team that finishes first receives a prize.

Templeton's Lair Fill a large box with shredded paper and a variety of objects that Templeton might have put in his home. Mark one object with a special mark or sticker. Children take turns finding these items in the box. The child who finds the marked object wins a prize.

Charlotte's Web Lotto

http://kidscrafts.suite101.com/article.cfm/charlotte_s_web_lotto

Craft, Game & Activity Stations

The following activities and games can be set up as stations so that children can choose which one to do and how long to stay at each station. A total of 6-8 craft, activity, and game stations works best:

Game & Activity Stations

Charlotte's Web Uno Game Print out the Uno cards from the site below, cut and then laminate them. Play game like Uno is played. http://kidscrafts.suite101.com/article.cfm/charlotte_s_web_uno

Charlotte's Web surprise. Wrap small prizes in "spider web" from craft store (could also use yarn). Children choose one and then unwind the web to discover their prize.

Charlotte's Web Dominoes. Print the dominoes from site below. Cut out and laminate. http://kidscrafts.suite101.com/article.cfm/charlotte_s_web_dominoes

Pin the tail on Wilbur Make a large drawing or print out a picture of Wilbur. Have the children close their eyes (or blindfold) and try to put the tail on Wilbur.

Web Maze http://www.harpercollinschildrens.com/harperchildrens/harperchildrensimages/Printable/CW_MerchKit_Booklet_p5.pdf

Word Search http://www.harpercollinschildrens.com/harperchildrens/harperchildrensimages/Printable/CW_MerchKit_Booklet_p3.pdf

Guessing Game <http://www.harpercollinschildrens.com/harperchildrens/harperchildrensimages/Printable/CharlottesBarnyard.pdf>

Dot to Dot <http://www.abcteach.com/Dots/pigfives.htm>

Craft Stations

Web Names

What you will need: paper, scissors, glue, and yarn, and paper printed with a spider web. Have the children write their names or a chosen word on the web with glue. Press the yarn to the name.

Charlotte Web Character Puppets

Cut out Charlotte's web characters from coloring pages and have the children color and cut them out. The characters can then be attached to craft sticks or toilet paper rolls to create puppets. Children can then use the puppets to tell their own version of the story. Also see finger puppet patterns below:

Pig Finger Puppets

<http://www.freekidcrafts.com/pigfingerpuppet.html>

Spider Finger Puppet

<http://www.dltk-teach.com/rhymes/spider/fingerpuppets.html>

Coloring Pages & games

<http://www.walden.com/walden/create/charlotte/coloring.php>

Snacks Birthday cupcakes with plastic spiders for decoration. Cut up snacks that Wilbur gave to Templeton: donuts, cheese, pieces of fruit, etc.

Sources of Party Good

Oriental Trading [farm animals, spiders, etc.] www.orientaltrading.com

More information or questions?

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